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Haliburton County Huskies to join OJHL for 2021/22 season

MIKE BAKER

Editor

The Huskies are coming home to Haliburton County.

Rumours of a Jr. A hockey franchise finding a home in the Highlands was confirmed last week, when the Ontario Jun-

ior Hockey League [OJHL] announced one of its 22 franchises would be relocating to Haliburton County for the 2021/22 season.

The rebranded Haliburton County Huskies will play their home games out of the recently redeveloped S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. An agreement with Minden Hills council was finalized on April 29, which will see the Huskies use the facility as a home-base for the

next seven years, through to the 2027/28 season.

Haliburton contractor and developer Paul Wilson is the man responsible for bringing Jr. A hockey to the Highlands. Having purchased the old Whitby Fury three years ago, Wilson jumped at the chance to relocate a franchise that was struggling in an oversaturated GTA market.

"It's a little bit of a gamble, because not

many small towns like this have a Jr. A hockey team, but this is something that's really important to me. I grew up in Haliburton County. I've lived here all my life. I just wanted to give something back to the community," Wilson said.

The OJHL is the largest Jr. A hockey league in Canada, with a footprint that stretches east to Wellington, south

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Landfill changes pose problems for construction industry

MIKE BAKER

Editor

Widespread changes recently introduced at five landfill sites in Dysart et al are going to have far-reaching negative impacts on the local construction industry, says the president of the Haliburton County Home Builders Association [HCHBA].

Late last month John Watson, Dysart's environmental manager, released a notice highlighting numerous operational changes that would be coming into effect at the municipality's dump sites as of May 1. Chief among those were new hours of operation, changes to the amount of garbage that would be accepted at no cost, and restrictions on the type of waste that can be disposed of.

New daytime hours are being incorporated at landfill sites in Haliburton, Harcourt, Kennisis Lake, West Bay and West Guilford. The Haliburton site, Dysart's largest landfill, will be closed Monday and Tuesday, open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, and operating from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday. The West Guilford location will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, closed on Wednes-

day and Thursday, and open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday. The remaining facilities have varying hours between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

In terms of actual garbage, ratepayers with valid landfill identification user cards can drop off up to three bags of garbage in clear bags per week at no cost. Each additional bag of garbage in clear bags costs \$2 each. Any bag of garbage in an opaque bag costs \$2 each.

There were also changes made to allowances relating to construction and demolition waste. The cost to dispose of building materials, including shingles, is jumping up to \$60 per cubic yard, a \$10 increase.

These changes were news to Glenn Evans, HCHBA president, who says the local association was left in the dark throughout the process.

"As one of the larger employment groups, or economic groups in Haliburton County I would think we would have some input, or at least be respected a little bit to be consulted about these changes before they're made," Evans said.

Watson noted discussions surrounding the landfill had been ongoing during Dysart's public council meetings since August 2020. A bylaw to adopt many of the proposed changes discussed during those meetings was passed on April 27.

He indicated the changes were necessary as the municip-

ality looked for ways to cut costs and recoup expenses at its landfill sites.

"Updating the hours of operation at Dysart's landfills will reduce costs, streamline services, and still provide timely ways for users to drop-off their waste materials," Watson said. "Increased costs to Dysart to haul and process construction and demolition waste warranted an increase to the fees for users to drop-off their type of material."

The reduced hours, in particular, are going to create a major problem for many construction workers around Haliburton County, Evans believes.

"Because of the distance most contractors have to drive between their job sites and their home or office locations, after they've worked a full day on-site, what they were typically doing was dumping a load of garbage [early the next morning], before embarking back up to their job site. That's no longer going to be able to happen," Evans said. "So now, contractors are going to have to make a decision between leaving a job site an hour, maybe two hours early to get to the dump before it closes at 5 p.m., or miss time in the morning to make a drop off. Most in our industry start [their day] at 7 a.m., so that's a good chunk of the day gone, especially considering they'll likely be waiting in line with three or four other guys looking to

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Management promises Huskies will be 'competitive' in inaugural season

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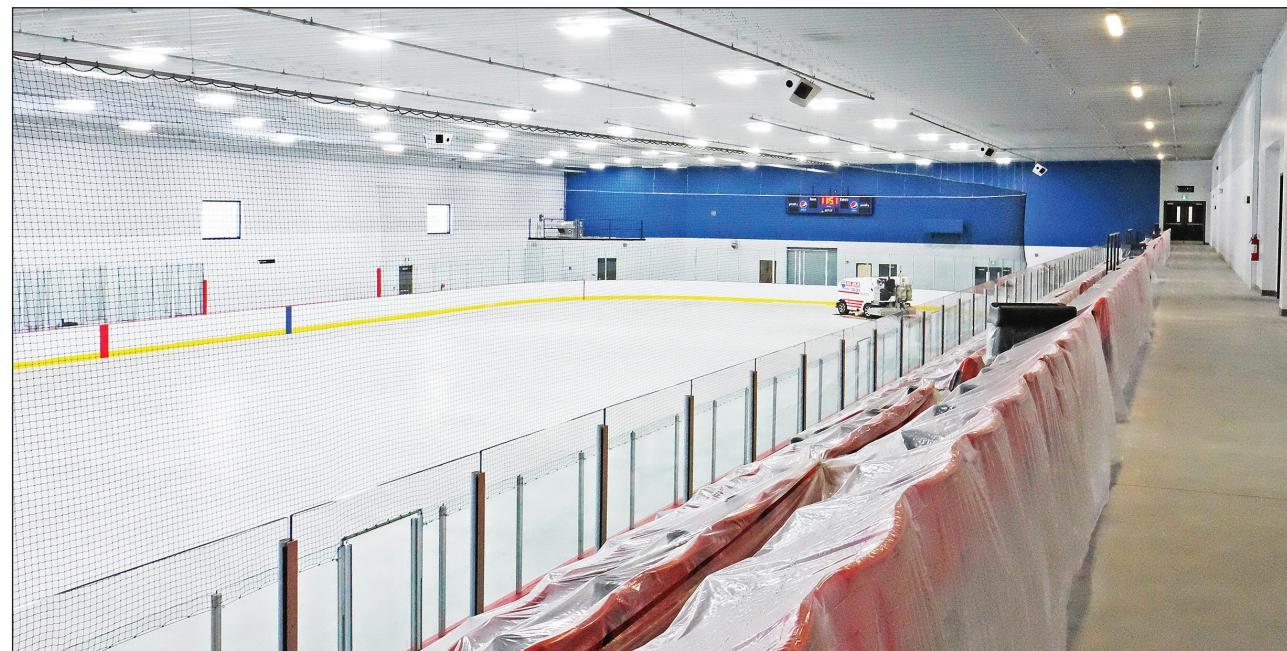
to Buffalo and north to Collingwood. The team has a heavy GTA presence, with 15 franchises located within a 60km radius of Toronto.

The league has been a springboard for many talented players over the years, including Haliburton's own Bernie Nicholls, who played for the North York Rangers of the OJHL ahead of his 17-year career in the NHL. Former Haliburton Huskies minor hockey player and future NHLer Cody Hodgson also played at the OJHL level, as did current NHLers Zach Hyman, Travis Dermott, Reilly Smith, Brendan Smith and Devin Shore.

It's expected that the Huskies will join the league's East Division, alongside the Lindsay Muskies, Cobourg Cougars, Trenton Golden Hawks and Wellington Dukes.

Hockey operations will be handled by Ryan Ramsay, Wilson's son-in-law, who will serve as head coach and general manager. Ramsay played in the OJHL as a teenager before going on to play in the Ontario Hockey League [OHL]. He signed a contract with the St. Louis Blues in 2004, forging an 11-year pro career in the American Hockey League [AHL] and the Deutsche Eishockey Liga in Germany.

"We think the knowledgeable hockey fans of this area will really enjoy this brand of junior hockey," Ramsay said. "Our players are shooting for college scholarships and opportunities to play in the OHL and eventually professionally. This emphasis is on skill, speed and char-



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acter."

Wilson said he expects to welcome back the majority of the team that was set to represent the Fury this season, before the COVID-19 pandemic saw play shutdown.

There will be lots of talent on the team, Wilson said. County residents may even recognize a name or two, with local players Joe Boice and Ryan Hall already confirmed as Huskies for the 2021/22 season.

"It's very important to me that we have a competitive team in our first year. We're asking the community to support us, so I think we owe that to them to try and have a good team," Wilson said. "We'll have most of the guys back that we want back from last year, and we'll have a couple of Haliburton County boys on the team too. It's definitely nice to get a bit of a local element to

the team. We have a couple of others trying out, so there could be a third member [from Haliburton County].

"These aren't just token spots. These kids are good enough to make the team," Wilson noted.

The Huskies are set to host their inaugural rookie camp from Aug. 13 to 15 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. The OJHL season is slated to begin in September.

"We're definitely relying on the community to sponsor the team, and the fans to come to games and support the team. This is something that, I think, can be a real positive, especially right now with everything that's going on in the world," Wilson said. "I'm really proud to be able to do this, bringing the Huskies back to Haliburton County."

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Debate about Sam Slick Park continuing

DARREN LUM
Staff Reporter

What's in a name?

Everything and nothing, apparently, when it comes to opinions about what to do about Sam Slick Park, following the last Cultural Resource Committee virtual meeting via Zoom on Friday, April 23.

The park that overlooks Head Lake, located across County Road 21 from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, is named after the fictional character Sam Slick, who was central to a series of popular books, which has come under scrutiny for its racist and misogynistic attitudes, that started with an appearance in the Halifax newspaper, *The Novascotian* in September 1835 and then with *The Clockmaker: the Sayings and Doings of Samuel Slick of Slickville*. It depicted the life of an American entrepreneur with a penchant for taking advantage of people for financial gain set during the first half of the 1800s. Slick is the creation of Nova Scotian politician, and author Thomas Chandler Haliburton, who was the first chairman of the Canada Land and Emigration Company, which purchased the land upon which the village of Haliburton was founded.

While Slick, who criticized Britain and made disparaging comments about Nova Scotians, possessed unscrupulous characteristic traits, some have said he simply reflected the perspective of the people during the 19th century with racist and misogynistic language.

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Mayor Andrea Roberts said she's read passages featuring the character Sam Slick and recognizes his disreputable characteristics, but isn't certain about changing the name.

"While I read some of it, I still don't have a conclusive answer to make that decision that we should not call it Sam Slick Park anymore, so I look to the rest of the committee. I did my research and I'm still confused," she said.

At the height of the publication's popularity, Slick was said to have been more popular than its creator, Haliburton.

The series of books were popular for its satirical humour not just in North America, but overseas as well, including parts of Europe. The series was translated and also made available in German.

Committee member Victoria Bingham, who worked as an intern at the Haliburton House website, where Thomas Chandler Haliburton lived in Nova Scotia, said the author's views weren't necessarily isolated to his characters. She described Haliburton as an "interesting, colourful character from historical past."

When you read the Haliburton House website, she said, "the language on their website says he expressed the conservative views of his time and of his elitist upbringing," she said.

It also states, "In recent decades, Thomas Chandler Haliburton's long-accepted role as an important figure in Nova Scotia's history has been the subject of ongoing research and debate into not only his contributions, but also the lives



Debate around what to do with the name of Sam Slick Park continued at the last Dysart Cultural Resource Committee. Sam Slick is a fictional character created by author and politician Thomas Chandler Haliburton, who the town is named after. His books have been the topic for debate because of the racist and misogynistic attitudes depicted. As a result, a sub-committee was formed to investigate options pertaining to how to move forward. / DARREN LUM Staff

Highlands East woman charged with impaired driving

MIKE BAKER
Editor

Haliburton Highlands OPP has charged a 46-year-old Highlands East woman with impaired driving after she drove her vehicle into a ditch on May 2.

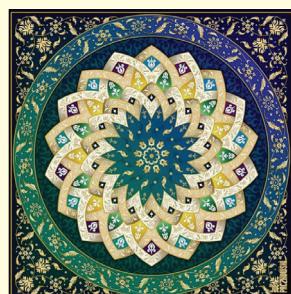
While investigating an unrelated incident on Mountain St. in Dysart et al, officers were made aware of the individual, who had been seen driving carelessly before crashing at approximately 8 p.m. After attending the scene, officers spoke with the female driver and subsequently arrested and charged her with Operation while impaired – blood alcohol concentration over 80 mg.

The accused was released from custody and will appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on June 2.

The vehicle involved in the incident was towed and impounded for seven days, and the accused's driver's license has been suspended for 90 days.

The OPP thanked those in the community who brought attention to the incident and, as always, reminded Highlands residents about the dangers of drinking and driving.

"Educating the public about safe driving practices with our community safety partners is a priority," an OPP press release reads. "If you see a possible impaired driver or operator, please make the call and dial 911 and help prevent a crash."



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Residents disappointed by ‘newsletter’ delivery

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

When Halibut Crescent resident David Blodgett looked at the *Druthers* newsletter with the main headline, Pandemic of Fraud he was left in disbelief.

“I look at it and I think how unfortunate that people are spreading this nonsense when we should be relying on our government’s advice and the advice of health professionals and if I want to read good information in a newspaper I’ll stick to the *Globe and Mail*, thank you very much and [their columnist] Andre Picard as opposed to this nonsense,” he said.

The newsletter, which was distributed to Halibut Crescent residents on Wednesday morning, includes stories endorsing COVID-19 conspiracy theories, whether its criticism about mask wearing and how the pandemic is part of a plan for the uber wealthy to get richer, or support the anti-vaccine stance. With wife Melanie, Blodgett has been a resident of Halibut Crescent for five years and a long-time cottager in the area. It’s the first time he’s received anything like this at his door.

Before surrendering the paper to the *Echo* for this story, Melanie wrote down the email address for *Druthers* to tell them she didn’t want any repeat deliveries.

“I just hate this kind of stuff. It’s like [yelling] fire for the ignorant. You know, it’s like c’mom,” she said.

This isn’t the first appearance for *Druthers* in Haliburton County.

In March, the copies of the publication were placed without permission in distribution boxes that included *County Life*. *Druthers* was started by Shawn Jason Laponte several months ago and has been distributed in Ontario, British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Mayor Andrea Roberts, another resident of Halibut Crescent, called the publication “sheer propaganda” when she first saw it with her morning cup of coffee.

It shocked and surprised her.

Roberts said the way this printed publication is presented, which asks for donations and assistance with distribution, gives a false sense of credibility.

“It makes it look very credible and it makes it look very legitimate and I have a lot of concerns over this. I would caution people. Be very careful when you’re reading this [paper] to believe what is the truth,” she said.

She said there aren’t any bylaws she knows of that can stop this from being left on someone’s driveway.

Although the mayor recognizes there has been some mixed messaging since the start of the pandemic from public health officials to the different levels of government in Canada, she said it’s important to adhere to the rules, outlined in the plans set forth to return to normalcy.

“To me, we have to follow the rules that our province and our federal government has set out for us. We’re close. We’re doing the vaccination program. Spend an awful lot of energy, criticizing and I think we could just do our part ... this made me very nervous. That’s the truth.”

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The pandemic is very real, and the severity of it can be seen clearly not only around the globe but also in our own province.

— Mayor Andrea Roberts

She said it’s important people inform themselves with credible sources.

But she wishes there was greater attention paid by media related to reporting on COVID-19 stories, such as the deaths that have been attributed to the different vaccines.

“I wish the national and provincial press would be a lot more careful with how they release information,” she said. “Be careful what you read and don’t always believe what you read or hear ... even in print and that’s no offence to the *Echo* or the *Highlander* when I say that.”

Haliburton Highlands Health Services president and CEO Carolyn Plummer, who wasn’t aware of the publication before being asked for comment by the *Echo*, said she had “grave concerns” about publications that question the validity of the pandemic and/or its severity.

“The pandemic is very real, and the severity of it can be seen clearly not only

around the globe but also in our own province – in hospitals that are struggling right now to respond to unprecedented numbers of patients who are experiencing severe illness due to the COVID-19 virus, and in the devastation seen in many long-term care homes and other settings over the course of the past year as so many people lost their lives,” she wrote in an email message.

According to the World Health Organization, there have been more than 3.2 million deaths and close to 160 million cases in 220 countries and territories. There have been close to 1.2 billion vaccine doses administered worldwide.

“Unfortunately, publications that spread false information can put individuals and communities at risk; they can lead to a lack of adherence to public health guidance and precautions, as well as less uptake of the available vaccine – yet these are the very things that are needed to help all of us reach that light at the end of the pandemic tunnel. And sadly, these types of publications can be incredibly hurtful to the loved ones of those who have lost their lives as a result of this virus,” Plummer wrote.

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Farmers' market essential, going ahead with season

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Whatever the Ontario government decides regarding the current stay-at-home order, set to run until May 20 as of press time, the Haliburton County Farmers' Market, which is considered an "essential service," is ready to welcome shoppers to kick off its season on Tuesday, May 18 at Head Lake Park in Haliburton.

New manager Rob McConnell said with its 27 vendors this season, the Farmers' Market has something for everyone, whether its cooked, brewed, aged or picked fresh.

The lineup includes an entire range of vendors such as farmers, bakers, artisans, cheese makers, wine makers, jam makers, and Maple product makers.

McConnell said he welcomes and thanks the "participants" for making the market successful.

He adds there are popular returning vendors such as Edelicious,

who is known for its cheese appetizers, but visitors can also expect new ones such as a new coffee vendor, and salad maker.

"It just adds to the diversity of what we already have," he said.

Like last year, the seasonal event will have COVID-19 safety protocols in place such as mask wearing, social distancing, one-way traffic, and attendance limits.

The Farmers' Market at Head Lake Park will be held from noon to 4 p.m. and will end Oct. 5.

The market will also be held on Saturdays at the Minden Fairgrounds from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., starting on May 22 and on Fridays from noon to 4 p.m. in the area behind the Stanhope Community Centre, located on North Shore Road, in Stanhope, starting June 18.

McConnell welcomes volunteers to provide assistance with general duties, including implementing COVID-19 measures, and setting up and taking down.

See their website betahcfma.wordpress.com for more information.

HCHBA 'willing to sit down' and find solution to issues surrounding new landfill bylaw

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make drop offs. Obviously that's going to create some problems."

The increased cost per yard was a tough pill to swallow too, Evans noted. Dumps in Dysart charge per cubic yard for waste, rather than using weight, as is the industry standard. Because of this, those in the construction industry were already paying a premium in Dysart to drop off their waste materials.

"Construction waste in a trailer – think drywall, plywood, that kind of stuff – would probably weigh 300 or 400 pounds. In a traditional weight scale type of dumping facility that are in use pretty well everywhere else, they're charging \$200 per ton. If you look at how we're billed per cubic yard, we're probably paying around \$500 [comparatively]. So we're already paying far more than anywhere else in the province in order to dump our construction, even before the increase," Evans said.

While businesses will have no other option than to accept those increased costs, Evans is hoping Dysart reconsiders its decision to no longer accept materials from large-scale demolition projects, such as complete house or cottage tear-downs.

"Let's say we have someone tearing down a cottage in Haliburton, before they would dispose of the materials at the Haliburton or West Guilford landfill. Now, with these changes, those trucks will need to go to Bracebridge. This is a cost that is going to go directly to the customer," Evans said.

He estimated the cost for a com-

plete teardown in Haliburton County could jump from around \$5,000 up to \$25,000.

"By the time you factor in the extra trucking, the extra time, the extra machine time... It's going to be a significant hit to the individual cottage owner that is tearing down their cottage," Evans noted.

Watson noted the three sites that currently accept waste from large scale teardowns – Haliburton, West Guilford and Harcourt – no longer has space to store those materials, and that the cost to haul them away for processing was "prohibitive."

With the new bylaw passed and now in place, Evans was worried the additional costs could lead to some individuals looking for alternate ways to dispose of their waste materials. He feels some could try to burn their waste, or simply dump it.

Evans said he would be willing to come to the table, in his role as HCHBA president, to see if all parties can find some "common ground."

"We would be more than willing to sit down and talk to them about a solution, talk to them about how we can all work together to achieve whatever it is they're trying to achieve, without impeding what we're trying to do. I'm sure there's a common ground there somewhere," Evans said. "I think it's something we need to do. I'm concerned that, as time rolls on and summer gets into full swing, the problems this new bylaw has created are only going to escalate."

For more information on the changes to Dysart landfills, visit www.dysartetal.ca.



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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Hockey in the Highlands

I'M SURE I wasn't the only one who felt a smile stretch across their face last week when news that Haliburton County would be getting its very own Jr. A hockey team officially came through.

The Haliburton County Huskies are set to join the Ontario Junior Hockey League just in time for the 2021/22 season. Games could begin, pandemic permitting, as early as September at the brand new S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden.

At last, something to look forward to.

It's been a few years since I've been to a live hockey game. Not having any kids of my own, and with all of my little nieces and nephews living in the UK, I haven't had any tykes to cheer on at my local arena on weekend mornings. And while I've always

been intrigued with the idea of heading down to Toronto to catch a Maple Leafs game in person, I can't say I'm particularly fond of the going rate. I could just about stomach paying an arm and a leg, but wanting my first-born child as well? That's where I draw the line.

When I was out in Alberta earlier in my career, I had the privilege of covering a Jr. A team from the Alberta Junior Hockey League. I think that's when I truly fell in love with the sport. More than anything else, I would look forward to the evenings when I would pitch up outside the home dressing room, where I would talk to coaches, players and vol-

unteers prior to puck drop.

During the game itself I would transition from reporter to photographer on an ongoing basis – rushing from my seat in the stands, where I would take copious notes, to a spot by the boards behind the goal, hoping I was quick enough [or lucky enough] to snap the perfect shot of the puck flying over the goalie's shoulder and into the net.

And boy, when that puck went in... Hockey fans are right up there amongst the most passionate of any sport in the world. Often times I would get carried away, caught up in the emotions of the crowd. I'd alternate between rambunctious fan and objective reporter, the former often winning out. It was just... Infectious.

Every hockey fan can relate. How many of you remember your first game?

The cold breeze whipping against your face as you push open the arena doors, the sweet smell of popcorn drifting from the concession stand, the adrenaline that can only be brought on by two players fighting on the ice.

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Huskies owner Paul Wilson has taken a risk in bringing his franchise to the Highlands. Now it's up to us, as a community, to rally behind them, show our support and prove it was a risk well worth taking.

I can't wait for opening night. Hopefully I'll see many of you there.

Editorial

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baker



Cowboy

SOME STORIES last a life-time. They get shared over and over and every time they are told they make you smile.

Do you remember Cowboy? I sure do. I remember him walking through town pushing his grocery cart full of stuff he bought from the 4Cs. I remember his big hat, his yellow beard from his chain smoking habit! Often he had a cigarette hanging out of his mouth. He was always ready to stop and say hello to anyone who had time. He always seemed to show up at every event that was happening around town.

I remember sitting with him, and Madeline and her little friends, watching the bulldozers work when they were building Foodland. I remember when Cowboy walked straight through the centre of our Dusk Dances event in the park, pushing his cart and enjoying the show. He loved the park.

Every year our family got a Christmas card from him, hand delivered. I know some kind soul wrote "Love Cowboy" for him on every card.

My biggest memory is when my daughter was little, about two or three years old. She was at daycare and she, and the kids and Cathy, were walking home from a morning at CHACE place. I was on the street and watched them go by. All the kids were holding hands as they chugged along with Cathy. I watched as Cowboy approached them from the opposite direction with his cart. And then I laughed

Tales from
the great



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out loud as Madeline let go of her friend's hands, and confidently marched straight ahead with her hand held out to shake Cowboy's hand and say hello. Side note, she is "Jimmy Junior Hopkins" when it comes to greeting people and friendliness! She perfected her handshake at a young age.

Madeline had her own little relationship with Cowboy. He often gave her stuffed toy gifts from the 4Cs, her favourite being Elmo. And pennies. He loved to give her envelopes full of pennies. He had a big heart and recognized the big heart in her.

The yogi's have always said that we are each unique expressions of beauty and goodness in the world. We are all different and that is what makes the world interesting and creative. All of us matter and all of us belong. We are all one. We all breathe the same air. It's when we forget that we are connected to all of life, that we get into trouble.

This summer Madeline is working for the Kingston Association for Community Living. I believe Kingston has 12 homes where people live with support, and she will be working in a couple of them. She is so excited. It is a dream job for her. I can't help but smile and think that Cowboy will be smiling down on her and wishing her all the best.

It is stories like this that remind me why I love Haliburton, and I love living in a small town.



Dreamy Haliburton sky

by Darren Lum

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points of view

Going bananas

THE OTHER evening, just before bedtime, I was flipping through some Instagram videos when I came across one that told me in no uncertain terms when we went wrong as a society. That being when we started watching social media videos.

The video that convinced me of this depicted a man using a very sharp knife to peel a banana. Even though he had eight perfectly serviceable fingers and two opposable thumbs, he put a banana on a very stylish cutting board and, with all the drama and ritual of an Aztec High Priest trying to remove a still beating heart, he pulled out an expensive and ridiculously sharp knife and peeled the banana. This took several delicate and precise incisions, and yet it still wasted a lot of the banana.

Even worse, I wasted one full minute of my life, watching a knife-wielding man peel a banana. Then another minute because I had to watch it again to make sure I wasn't missing anything.

Videos like this are insidious for the amount of time they waste. They are essentially ground zero for non-productivity and the shock waves resonate further than you'd think.

For instance, I spent the next hour puzzled as to why the video creator had decided to unleash this useless bit of knowledge upon an unsuspecting world.

What possible motive could he have?

It is not like humanity hasn't already met the challenge of peeling bananas head on. In fact, I would go so far as to say we have developed a better way that does not even require cutlery. As a result, in the history of humanity, no one has ever died or been maimed in a banana-peeling accident. If you think about it, this makes our old-school method one of our greatest unheralded achievements.

Call me a traditionalist, but our way of manual banana peeling was good enough for my father and his father before him – and, by God, it is good enough for me too. In fact, I would go so far as to suggest that you can't trust a man who pulls out a large knife when it comes time to peel bananas.

This leads me to believe that he is either a Russian troll, playing just one small part in a massive campaign to destroy Western productivity or, more likely, he aspires to become an Instagram influencer, which is, in many ways, even worse.

Between you and me, there is only one valid reason to make a video like this at all. And that is as a response to your partner saying, "I don't know why you wasted so much money on that expensive knife. It's not like you have a lot of uses for it..."

If that is the case, then please accept my apologies and my admiration sir. The former for assuming your motives were frivolous and the later for that inspired response, for it shines as a beacon to us all. In fact, I am now considering producing a video in which I peel a bunch of bananas with my new .22 semi-auto.

I know it might appear that I am a bitter old man who simply does not understand social media and the value it provides modern society. You might even suspect that, since I have made my living in print media, I have a vested interest in tearing down social media.

Let me assure you, it does not matter to me. For I can honestly say I have no skin in the game.



Loon Tales

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pic of the past

This solid log house was owned by Lewis Porter Sr. and was located on what is now Highway 35. Standing in front of the house, from left, Alda Porter, Effie Porter, Lewis Porter Jr. and Annie and Ed Greer. This photo was taken in the early 1900s.

letters to the editor

Nobody owns their own piece of air

To the Editor,

I am confused! Could someone please explain, because I don't get it.

Since the onset of the pandemic, we have been reminded daily that COVID-19, and now the even more deadly variants of concern, are airborne, highly transmissible, life-altering, deadly diseases. If one sneezes or coughs, the minuscule water droplets can travel a distance of up to 16 feet - a range of 10 feet more than the current six feet recommended for social distancing. The efficacy of mask wearing should no longer be in doubt. This past winter's 'cold and flu season' was to all intents and purposes, non-existent. A first!

Our professional health care workers, at every level, have worked tirelessly, for over a year, to save lives, in untenable situations and conditions. They educate, and inform us at every turn, of the necessity to remain vigilant, to take all precautions necessary to stay safe, and to prevent further transmission of these deadly diseases.

And yet, since the onset of the warmer weather, I constantly see people not wearing masks, moving about the community in groups in close proximity, and whipping off their masks upon exiting local stores and businesses.

Sixty of my 72 years have been spent teaching, through both the arts and academic spheres, people from the ages of two to 80+. Over the course of my rewarding career, I have observed that certain age groups continue to believe that they live in a

bubble of invincibility. Others in a state of denial, disbelief or derision.

In the last four weeks, I have undergone two major life-saving, life-altering surgeries. I do not wear a placard advertising my condition, nor do the hundreds of other residents in our community who are also at risk and are facing challenges due to age, health issues or mental well-being. We do not know what the strangers next to us in the lines or parking lots at the local grocery stores, businesses, post office or dump may be experiencing. After more than a year, it is easy to become complacent or lax.

Haliburton is an exceptionally caring community. It is morally incumbent on each of us to continue to be aware, to be responsible and vigilant, and to maintain all safety protocols necessary for everyone's benefit, well-being and life.

Fresh air and clean water are the common currency for all living things. Without them, nothing could survive or thrive. I recall a negative 30 degree evening, back in the 70's, being crammed into a small orange Datsun, windows tightly closed. One of the passengers asked, "Do you mind if I smoke?" Without hesitation, our driver Tony replied, "If you bring your own piece of air you can!"

None of us own our own piece of air. 'Nuff said

Cheryl Cohoon
Haliburton

What is the hurry?

This letter is concerning the proposed destruction of an old heritage bridge that is in extremely good shape for something that is 100 years old. This bridge is located on South Wilberforce Road in Highlands East.

This bridge has almost no traffic, maybe 10 cars a day. Most houses are on the east side of the river and it is only 2 kms to the highway from the first house on the east side, while crossing the other new \$3 million bridge. Let's use that bridge to make it pay.

I'm sure that a lot of future people would love to look at, walk over and mull over how the old people and our ancestors could build such a beautiful bridge with no excavators, no huge tractors and mostly only hand shovels, guts and horses and probably with no new taxes.

This is where the water leaves the lake and goes

down the river to where there was a water powered saw mill. A beautiful spot to be destroyed forever by high tech and rumbling, noisy equipment for four months and leave a blemish on our part of Canada.

Is this what the people want? It is only 0.02 km to the highway from the bridge on the west side of the river.

Why not block cars, and then people can enjoy the bridge and walk across and around the lake and river and have a place to put their boats in. Also it would be a great place for a small park right on the lake and river.

What is the hurry? The residents should have more time to consider the consequences of this decision.

Mel and Bessie Croft
Highlands East

Moving forward with change doesn't mean forgetting the past

from page 3

Bingham adds this is an issue that is also coming up in theatre, where popular plays seen through a modern 21st century lens are "quite offensive."

"From my perspective as a new person coming onto the committee it's one of those things that will crop up over and over again when we deal with people from the past whose behaviour would now be considered quite questionable," she said.

Committee member Kate Butler, who is also the director at the Haliburton Highlands Museum, said this is an opportunity for education.

"To talk about the fact that we don't see things the same way anymore. We learned a lot. We've grown a lot. Our views in the past, which are certainly not appropriate now and, yeah, I think there is certainly an opportunity for some sort of educational piece to go into that," she said.

She adds the naming of the park was done at a time based on the correlation between the town name and a well-known author, who has sayings we still use today - with one noted on the plaque: You can't draw blood from stone.

She said the Rotary Club of Haliburton can be included in this discussion, as they sponsored the park with its purchase of the property for \$4,000 in 1960 and then had the park completed in 1964.

Committee member Anna Babluk said there is a responsibility to do something when you know something is wrong.

"You can't just change the name and

sweep it under the rug, but that doesn't mean you don't change the name and have some sort of acknowledgement of the history of it and why the name was changed at the site," she said.

In West Hants, Nova Scotia, they had held a summer festival known as Sam Slick Days from the 1970s until 2008. In the last year the committee responsible for organizing the event used an image depicting a scene from the book's chapter Slavery from *The Clockmaker*, which showed a Black man on his knees, crying out to Slick. Public outcry ensued and resulted in discussion about Haliburton's work and whether the community was celebrating racism. This led to the event's name change to the Windsor West Hants Summer Fest and then Avon River Days in 2014.

Committee member Jim Blake said he agreed with Bingham and Butler.

"It's one of those things. When you become aware of something, you can't just say, well, I don't know anything about that. It's, OK. We're aware of it now we need to deal with it, in some way," he said. "And we don't need a lot of complaints to be progressive and move ahead."

He suggested a sub-committee be created to come up with recommendations for possible changes related to whether there will be a name change and education.

Mayor Roberts said a disclaimer could be added with a sign at the park to say Sam Slick is a character in a fictionalized story.

"Even the name Sam Slick. Thomas

Chandler Haliburton, a lot of writers write characters, who are not good people. Does that mean the author is racist? The character is slick. He sells a clock for \$40 that cost him \$4 or something like that. He's shady," she said.

Committee member Laurie Jones didn't think this suggestion would be enough.

"There is no but. But it's different here. This is a big world we live in and I think that it's a changing society and, yeah, a disclaimer doesn't cut it for me right now. I don't think we can decide to do a disclaimer or anything without taking a position. Or it will keep coming back," she said.

Shelley Schell recognized resolving what is known to be wrong, but was concerned with eradicating history.

"What is correct and what is culturally appropriate changes as time goes by, and words and language changes go by and its use - their interpretation change. So, for me, I think a qualifier or disclaiming statement would address the issue and it would relay current sensitivity, but not eradicate history. History is history. That is what it was at that time. I'm not sure I feel comfortable with playing a role in what was a reality at that time, whether or not I agree with it to be clear," she said.

Blake said it's important to remember that when the 9-1-1 system was implemented in Haliburton County there were road name changes such as how Fred Jones Road used to be called Dover Spring Road.

He believes the sub-committee needs to undertake a full process, which will include research into this to enable the creation of recommendations related to possibly renaming the park, but also identify the historical reference.

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What we choose to celebrate and portray, even if it's historically accurate, it matters and reflects on us and our values ...

— Anna Babluk

Anna Babluk, who is the acting CEO for the Haliburton County Public Library said characters in fiction matter and acknowledged change was needed, but also recognized the importance of preserving history.

'What we choose to celebrate and portray, even if it's historically accurate, it matters and it reflects on us and our values, but I agree that history is important as well. I would propose renaming the park, but having a plaque that explains the history. It used to be named this and this is why it's problematic," she said.

Bingham suggested this process could include the Rotary Club, and their subsidiary groups, including HHSS students, who could research and come up with a name instead of Sam Slick.

The committee finished their discussion with the formation of a sub-committee to come up with recommendations to make to the committee when they meet again in June. The committee will include Anna Babluk, Kate Butler, Ron Evans, and Laurie Jones.

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Embrace the flavours of Mexico at Poquito Loco

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

A new restaurant owner is hoping to share her love and passion for Mexico with the Village of Haliburton when it opens on May 20.

Claudette Pitre said opening her eatery, Poquito Loco is about following her heart.

"It feels like a passion project and to me it feels like the community needs it. Maybe not as much as I do, but we need something new," she said.

Getting ready to serve tacos and other popular Mexican dishes at the Haliburton location, overlooking Head Lake, touches on a memorable experience, Pitre said.

She said a month-long stay, living in San Pancho, Mexico with her husband and two young children, who are now in their twenties was the foundation to starting this restaurant, located at 48 Highland Street.

"We fell in love with the culture and the food," she said. "Since we spent all that time in Mexico it's kind of become a thing at our house where I have Mexican nights. Everybody loves the food that I cook ... we had always thought of opening an eatery because there are three things I cook really well. One is Italian. One is Greek. One is Mexican. We went with Mexican basically because it's healthy, and affordable for the people."

She adds there was attention towards food that was affordable to attract students and be easy to order and carry away from the leased location.

Spanish for "a little crazy," the restaurant name and the sentiment behind it is correlated to the time and circumstances of life now, Pitre said.

"It kind of encompasses me opening a restaurant during the pandemic and me being a little crazy," she said. "But at this point it really is what do I have to lose?"

She adds it is her goal to serve people quality food made from fresh ingredients, including locally sourced meat and anything else possible. This is part of her effort to support the community, she said.

"We have really good suppliers right at our fingertips," she said.

Pitre even employed local artist Robert Van Nood to create the donkey that appears in the restaurant's sign.

During the early 2000s, Pitre ran the kitchen, cooking at the Hair Lounge in Carnarvon, which was run with husband Mark Christiano. The Lounge was a popular spot for years, holding open mic nights and other evening events.

The return to the food industry is related to how the pandemic shutdown parts of the economy more than a year ago.

Pitre had been working within the live entertainment industry before the pandemic shut everything down. Just before the shutdowns, her work was very busy. Although her husband was going to continue to work in Haliburton, as a popular hair stylist, they planned to rent a place in Toronto because of the work and because it was closer to her two children in university. Luckily, she said, the circumstances allowed them to get out of the agreement.

"It went from going crazy to having nothing," she said.

Pitre said this will be a family-run business, which will include her husband and, periodically, her young adult children.

For now, the menu will be fairly simple with beef, chicken and vegetarian tacos. This includes the slow cooked seasoned meat, (beef) barbacoa. The menu will



Claudette Pitre is looking to a brighter future with the opening of her new restaurant, Poquito Loco. She said the plan is to open May 20. Call them for an order from her menu of Mexican dishes at 705-455-9999. For updates see their Facebook page: facebook.com/Poquito-Loco-109897254593915/. DARREN LUM Staff

include burritos, tostadas, quesadillas and rice bowls, including salads. The taco shells will be made from corn, white flour and whole wheat tortillas. Operating hours will be 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday.

"If there is a demand [I will] change accordingly," she said, referring to the menu and the operating hours.

Items for individuals will start at \$5 for a taco and up to \$14 for a platter. Take out family platters will be available, which would include all of the various components to assemble later when the customer gets home.

The focus at the location will be on takeout due to very limited indoor seating with three tables. However, Pitre said she hopes to expand the outdoor seating to triple what it is by adding picnic tables and seating to face the lake. She said the way the interior will be set up will be similar to Mucho Burrito – counter of ingredients where

a server takes selections to top a shell or fill a wrap. Pitre said catering will also be an option as well as the take out.

For many people this year has been a struggle.

This new venture is about changing that narrative and to create an opportunity from a challenging situation because of the pandemic.

"Really I needed to breathe new life into our existence. I couldn't handle it anymore. I couldn't handle not being productive and being with people because that's what I've always done. I always worked with the public. Sitting at home is not an option for me. Even [not] being around people is not an option. Even though there are risks in that it's something I need to do," she said.

COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths by County							
County	Current Cases Not Resolved	Current Probable Cases	Confirmed Cases (Total to date)	Confirmed Cases Resolved (Total to date)	Hospitalizations (Total to date)	Confirmed Deaths (Total to date)	Probable Deaths (Total to date)
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Kawartha Lakes	63	5	796	690	33	43	13
Northumberland	36	0	852	802	27	14	0
Total	106	5	1,758	1,594	63	58	13

COVID-19 data as of May 10

Two new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Haliburton County were reported on May 10 by the local health unit. Currently there are seven unresolved cases of COVID-19 in the county. In total, 24 cases of Haliburton County's 110 cases have been identified as variants of concern./HKPRDHU screenshot

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Humphrey the bear is available for purchase through a new online hospital gift shop option being provided through the Haliburton Highlands Health Services website. Gifts purchased through the gift shop can be picked up via a curbside option, shipped to any location, or delivered to residents of Highland Wood and Hyland Crest long-term care homes or local hospital patients. /Submitted photos



A selection of jewellery, handbags, teapots and mugs are available for purchase through a new online hospital gift shop option.

Shop to support hospitals and health care facilities

SUE TIFFIN
Staff Reporter

While we might feel fatigue about so many of our events, meetings, holidays and other ways of connecting being held online, a new virtual offering allows us to give back to the community in support of the Haliburton Hospital auxiliary and Minden Health Care auxiliary fundraising efforts in a way that many have been missing.

Shop to Give, a section on the recently updated Haliburton Highlands Health Services website, features a variety of selections from the Minden and Haliburton hospital gift shops - which have been closed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Besides the temporary closure of the vibrant gift shops, many of the other usual community-spirited fundraising efforts of the auxiliaries - teas and dinners, bake sales and tag days, thea-

tre performances and bowlathons - have not been able to take place due to public health restrictions in place since March 2020.

"It's a great way to shop, and 'give gifts that give back,' with all funds supporting health care in our community," said Lisa Tompkins, executive director, Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

The Shop to Give section currently features items including special limited edition 'bear friends' from the HHHS stuffed animal program, books, teapots, mugs, genuine leather and vegan leather handbags and jewellery.

Purchases can either be picked up through a curbside option, shipped to any location, or delivered straight to patients at the hospital or residents of Highland Wood or Hyland Crest long-term care facilities.

Visit www.hhhs.ca/foundation/shop for more information or to browse the shop.

Making connections, by phone and by mail

community news

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Following up on information of Green Burial Society, the email address is: hhgreenburialsociety@gmail.com and website is www.haliburtongreenburial.ca.

I know it would be much simpler if I could advance myself into the 21st century. Computer knowledge has left me behind, but telephones and real letters are my life line, so please act accordingly should you wish to give me news.

As I go through my sister's many snapshots and old newspaper clippings, I find myself writing to people and including a familiar, significant snapshot which in turn provokes a welcome reply. Frequent

also are the phone calls that inform me of graduating grandchildren and where they are moving. One is being posted to Edmonton from Gagetown, N.B. as lieutenant, a three-year posting, another completes a year of a two-year course of rigorous training as para-med, someone else, earns management of a small restaurant.

Closer to home, the Snack Bar (chip stand) is now open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. except Sunday to 6 p.m. on weekends. As always, the laundromat is an essential service, and thanks to Brad Bryant's diligence, it's always open and appreciated by its users who depend on it so. The Baptist church on Nila Road is open on Fridays at 3 p.m. and on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. You must phone in advance to be one of the ten permitted in the congregation. Guilford landfill hours have changed somewhat. Tuesdays and Wednesdays are the closed days.

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Rock our World fundraiser is about paying it forward

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Getting through the pandemic has been a lesson on how working together helps everyone.

It's that kind of approach that is at the heart of this year's Rock our World, a major fundraiser for Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, who are stewards of five properties, including the Dahl Forest and the Barnum Creek Reserve.

Like last year, the event is being restricted to an online auction from Aug. 1 to 15, foregoing the in-person attributes, which have in the past included a buffet dinner, a dance and live auctions.

The Land Trust past chairperson, Mary-Lou Gerstl said the way this auction works is to enable businesses that have prospered to share their wealth by buying a sponsorship, which is then used by the Land Trust to purchase a gift certificate, product or service from a business that has been adversely affected during the pandemic and then add it to the inventory of items up for the auction.

There is a four-way winner aspect to everything, she said.

"The first one of course being the sponsor themselves. The pay-it-forward sponsor, who [gain] through recognition in media and the Land Trust's social media and just knowing they've been able to help those small retail businesses who are suf-



The Barnum Creek Reserve in Haliburton has become a popular destination since it opened. It is under the stewardship of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, who is welcoming sponsors and community support to help them with its upcoming major fundraiser, Rock Our World "Pay it Forward" Auction online from Aug. 1 to 15. If you would like to be a Pay It Forward sponsor contact the Land Trust at 705-457-3700 or admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca. /DARREN LUM

fering so badly because the COVID-19 pandemic. The small retail businesses, of course they win because they're getting a much-needed infusion of cash, which will hopefully help them recover and, hopefully, help them continue in the future. The Land Trust wins because of all the

revenue derived from the auction will go towards maintaining and protecting our properties. The fourth winner is our community. The people that visit our properties, knowing the trails will continue to be maintained for their enjoyment and knowing all our properties will continue to be maintained and protected, because that was the initial intent of the people who donated the properties."

All the funds received through the auction will go towards HHLT's Stewardship Fund, which helps to cover 25 per cent of costs related to management and protection.

This is the Land Trust's major fundraiser of the year, accounting for 25 per cent of their costs.

"Our role in this whole thing is to maintain and protect their properties in perpetuity and that means that two of the properties – Dahl Forest and Barnum Creek – are open to the public and have trails ... for activities. Those trails have to be maintained. We've got open grassy areas on both properties that need to be mowed because they're prime habitat for many of our species at risk in the county and there are expenses there. There are insurance costs on the properties. You know a number of costs related to the properties ... so that's where our proceeds of Rock our World go towards," she said.

Money raised from this, and membership dues and donations all go to the Land Trust's stewardship fund.

She said the idea for this came from a Land Trust member reading an Echo article a couple of weeks ago about how the

related lockdowns during the pandemic has adversely affected small businesses.

Gerstl said so far they've had a few sponsored businesses come forward for the auction.

Thus far the Land Trust is in the process of finalizing the setting up of an online auction platform.

She welcomes businesses that are able to join the effort and to expect a call soon.

"It's coming along. It's just getting all businesses together that we want to approach and making that phone call and sending them the information," she said. "And with the interview that I did this morning on Canoe FM, hopefully, we'll have people coming and knocking on our door, saying hey I want to pay it forward."

Among the early sponsors, which can include individuals of the community, is Floyd Hall Limited. President Glenn Hall said his support for the Land Trust goes back years because to him, the draw for people to come to Haliburton County is nature.

"Without nature we don't get a lot of our tourism, and it's just an invaluable place to live," he said.

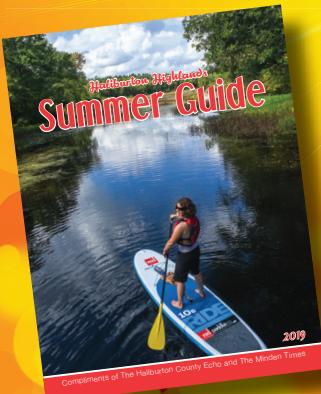
He adds, this was a unique opportunity to help small businesses that have been affected by the pandemic. Hall said his message to businesses that have prospered during the pandemic and can afford to sponsor is, it's time to give back.

"It's a great cause. Not only are you helping the Land Trust, but you're helping other small businesses that have been through over a year of grief," he said.

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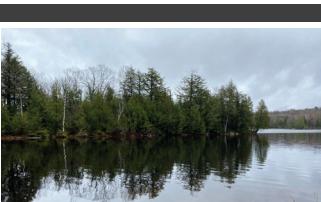
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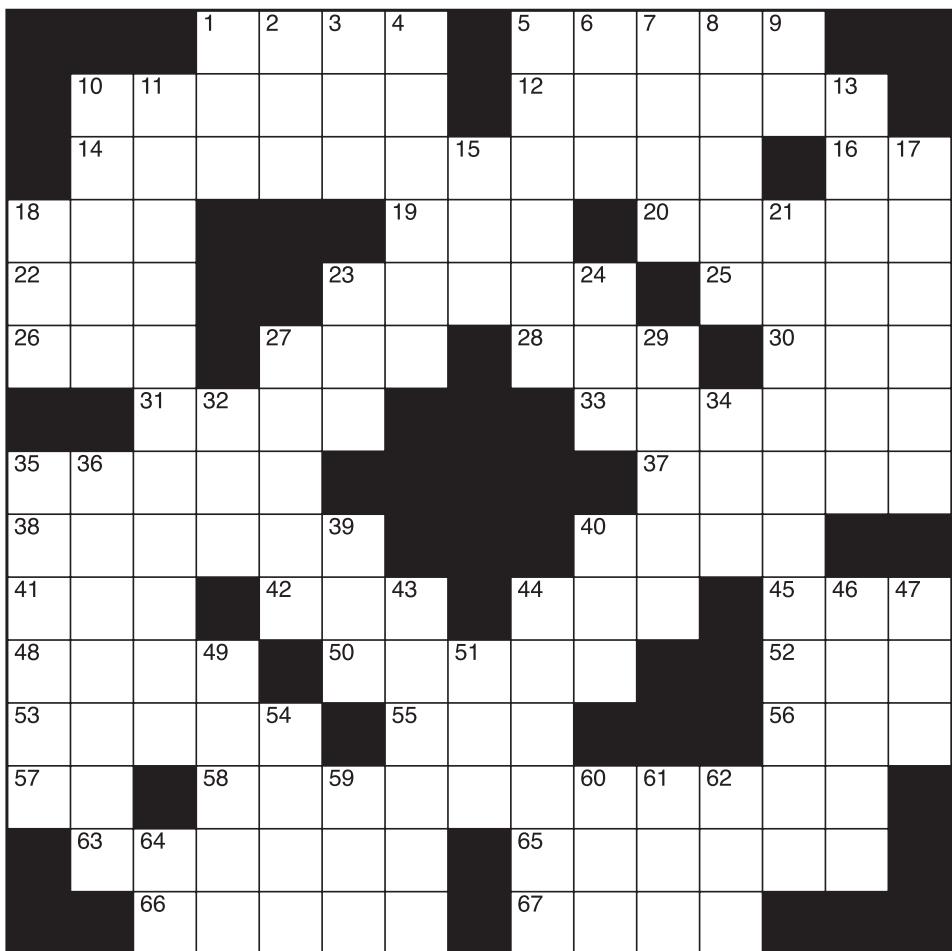
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- Linguistics pioneer
- Singer DiFranco
- Arms of the sea
- Near-reach weapon (abbr.)
- Ballplayer's accessory
- You get one at the beach
- U.S. founding father
- W. Australia indigenous people
- Amounts of time
- Put on the shelf
- Russian dynasty member
- City along the Elbe River
- A peninsula between the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf
- Actor Damon
- _ King Cole, musician
- Company that rings receipts
- Scatter
- Basics
- Part of a door
- Indicates silence
- Moved quickly on foot
- Monetary units
- A place to crash
- Many subconscious
- Group of countries
- About line of latitude
- Female follower of Bacchus
- A dentist can treat it
- Dull brown fabrics
- Int'l nonprofit

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- Partner to cheese
- One from Utah
- A way to move
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- Grandmothers
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- Steam bath room
- One who kills
- Food
- Swiss river
- Fleet
- Taxi
- Working class
- More (Spanish)
- High schoolers' test
- Large heavily built goat antelope
- Murdered in his bathtub
- Tease good-naturedly
- Morsel
- Cause persistent resentment
- A radioactive element
- Perform in a play
- Witty remark: Bon _
- A great place to kayak
- Conclude by reasoning
- In an unfavorable way
- Complex of nerve tissues (abbr.)
- Machine for making paper
- Feline
- Yugo's hatchback
- Check
- Press against lightly
- Wind-pollinated plants
- _compoop
- Commercial

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HSAD near full registration for summer

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The following are briefs from the last Cultural Resource Committee virtual meeting via Zoom on Friday, April 23. The next meeting is in June.

Strong numbers for summer registration at the Haliburton School of Art + Design is promising a turn-around year after the pandemic prevented last year's offerings.

HSAD's Shelley Schell said within a week of registration opening there were 482 people registered, which included close to 400 registered on the first day, for 80 offered courses that will be held at the campus building and the remote location for blacksmithing on Mallard Drive, with COVID-19 safety protocols in place..

"It was just out of the gate crazy, as it normally is," she said.

She adds, the maximum number of people for all courses offered would be 657.

At the time of the meeting, Schell said there was a waiting list with 70 people. As of Friday, May 7, the latest numbers for HSAD this summer: 499 students registered and 88 on the waitlist.

"It's a clear indication that people are hungry to engage in creative and artistic activities and have some level of social interaction, so of course now we're working hard on the whole operational plan in terms of safety," she said.

The practices will include staggered entrance times, mid-break times, leave times, including restricting entrance to registered students and course teachers and staff.

She adds the college is well-versed in safe practices, having full-time students that attended the past year. Since this current provincial stay-at-home order was announced a few weeks ago, there has been a slow down for registration since the stay-at-home order.

"Interesting to me is that people are actually still registering and committing and optimistic and hopeful so we'll see where that goes. But I think, if we can

do it, if the province lets us do it, I think we're looking at a very successful summer school program this year, which is so heartening," she said.

Sculpture Forest grows, developing new guide map

Sculpture Forest curator Jim Blake said there will be a new brochure for visitors to use when they come to the Haliburton attraction.

The new brochure addresses the rise in popularity among visitors to the Forest, which has become a draw for visitors, he said.

"It's going to be twice the size of our former one with a beautiful new map and we also now have space to promote downtown Haliburton, to promote other galleries, museums and the college, and also the Sculpture Forest in the winter time," he said.

He adds funding for the brochure came from the township.

Renowned Canadian artist Gord Peteran is adding a new sculpture to the Forest this summer.

There are more than 40 sculptures and creations at the Forest.

Peteran's previous work can be seen at the entrance to the HSAD building, which includes the distinctive red doors.

Blake noted with the current lockdown that the Forest is technically closed, but access to the trails of Glebe Park are permitted for people to use.

"So that's what our COVID policy is basically saying. Welcoming people to come in their family groupings, following all the criteria of COVID [restrictions]," he said.



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Minden and Haliburton mass clinics still not running at full capacity

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports from a Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit press conference held virtually May 5 with medical officer of health Dr. Natalie Bocking.

For the third successive week, mass COVID-19 vaccination clinics in Minden and Haliburton are still not running at full capacity, as the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit deals with low supply of vaccine to the region. Clinics are scheduled for May 14, 18 and 25 at the S.G. Nesbitt arena in Minden, and a clinic was scheduled on May 7 and another is scheduled for May 20 at the A.J. LaRue community centre in Dysart.

The health unit's website notes that "if a clinic is filled, it will not appear on the provincial booking system. More clinic dates may be added as vaccine allocations are confirmed."

Bocking said allocations of the Pfizer vaccine had increased slightly over the first two weeks of May, with approximately 4,700 doses being distributed throughout the region, and that supply increases "quite significantly" in the last two weeks of May with closer to 8,100 doses per week being offered by the province. A further increase will occur in June.

"This is really a reflection of more Pfizer coming into the country, more Pfizer coming into Ontario, and then of course more Pfizer being allocated across all of the health units," said Bocking. "In response to that we are looking at how we can ramp up clinics and ensure all of that vaccine is out into people's arms as quickly as possible."

As the supply of Moderna vaccine has been less stable than that of the Pfizer vaccine, Bocking said it is largely being used currently in mobile clinics conducted by the health unit, and flowed out to primary care health teams.

On March 18, the A.J. LaRue community centre clinic was announced as the last of six vaccination clinics in the region to be confirmed, but on March 19 the municipality of Dysart et al announced the clinic would be cut short on June 12 to ensure summer ice is available in the community for user groups and to meet the municipality's contract with the Haliburton Hockey Haven. As of May 5, Bocking said she did not yet have further details on where the new location for the clinic, which opened the week of April 12, might be.

Appointments can also be made at select pharmacies in the health unit region, by contacting pharmacy staff directly. To date, there are clinics in Haliburton at Drug Store Pharmacy in Todd's Independent at 5121 County Rd. 21, Haliburton Highland Pharmacy at 211 Highland Street, Rexall at 224 Highland Street and Shoppers Drug Mart at 186 Highland Street.

'Fingers crossed' the end of the third wave is near

In giving an epidemiological report update, Bocking said the numbers of currently active cases in the region were lower this week than last week.

"I'm pleased to say that in general our numbers seem to be decreasing, you've likely seen the same with the provincial

numbers overall," she said. "I'm quite hopeful that this means that we truly are on the downward side of this most recent resurgence in COVID-19. In a small health unit jurisdiction such as ours, where we don't have millions of people or multiple hundreds of thousands of people, sometimes the numbers do go up and down fairly quickly and that's just because we don't have enough numbers for some of those trends to be smooth."

Two weeks ago, Bocking said, the local seven-day rolling incidence was reaching numbers as high as the 80s per 100,000 people, and as of May 4 was at 29 per 100,000 people.

"Again, quite promising," said Bocking. "Perhaps too soon to say we've completely gotten through this third wave, but fingers crossed."

Of cases identified in the last 14 days, the majority of cases are considered to be connected to household contacts, or close contacts. About 30 per cent of cases were of no known source of transmission, with no clear exposure linked to the case, which Bocking said generally signifies community transmission.

Cases between age groups had been evenly spread out with 16.5 per cent under the age of 20, 16.5 per cent between the ages of 20 and 29, and 16.5 per cent between the ages of 40 and 49.

"Not seeing as many cases under the age of 20, but thankfully also not seeing many cases in our older population, which is still a change from previous waves in the pandemic," said Bocking.

In her update on May 5, Bocking said in the past two weeks there had been five admissions related to COVID-19 to hospital among Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district residents and four individuals admitted to the intensive care unit – not necessarily hospitals in our region.

The seven-day HKPR test positivity rate has slowly decreased as well, dropping from higher than 3 per cent, to 2.6 per cent.

"Really all indicators headed in the right direction, which I think if we all continue to do our part and work toward continuing to stay at home and avoid social gatherings, that this is the largest contribution to seeing these numbers go down," said Bocking.

Vaccine roll-out rates keeping up with province

The total amount of vaccine doses that have been administered in the HKPR region as of May 3 was 57,114 doses, with 53,798 of those being a first dose of vaccine. The number of people within the region who have received a dose of vaccine as of May 3 was 72,365, reflecting that some people who live within the HKPR area have received a vaccine outside of the area.

"I think these numbers are quite exciting and reflect a huge amount of work that has gone into ensuring that residents have access to the vaccine based on our supply," said Bocking.

Within age groups of HKPR residents, 76 per cent of those 80 and older have received their first dose, and among residents 60 and over, 73 per cent have received their first dose.

"I know the province has come out with an additional target of achieving 65 per cent of eligible adults having received their first dose and for HKPR, I would say we are certainly well on our way to

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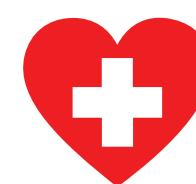
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- Pick up prescriptions/supplies as needed for the Health Centre.
- Do a daily 'town run' to pick up supplies that are needed for camp programs or office.
- Pick up supplies in Toronto (or outside of Minden/Haliburton) as needed.
- Handling of incoming and outgoing mail.
- Ensure that vehicles are scheduled and taken for oil changes as needed.
- Ensure the vehicles have adequate gas and fill as necessary.
- Keep vehicles clean and free of garbage.
- Keep the exterior of the vehicles clean; have them washed as needed

Necessary Qualifications/Competencies

- Full G License & minimum age of 21 years old
- Ability to have a flexible schedule and work independently
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*30 – 40 Hour work week
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We were married at the First Baptist Church which is now Baked & Battered.

Murray delivered gas and fuel oil in Haliburton County for 20 years and we have lived on Riverside Drive for 65 years.

We love our family and have a lot of good friends. It has been great living in Haliburton and as Frank Sinatra would say, its "My Kind of Town."
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HALIBURTON COUNTY SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION 49th Annual General Meeting Saturday, May 29th at 10 am

The meeting will be held virtually on Zoom. Send your email address to info@hcsa.ca and we will provide you with the link.

You must preregister.

We will recap our financials, trail projects, grooming performance and elect a new Board of Directors. Expressions of interest as an HCSA Volunteer or HCSA Director would be welcome.

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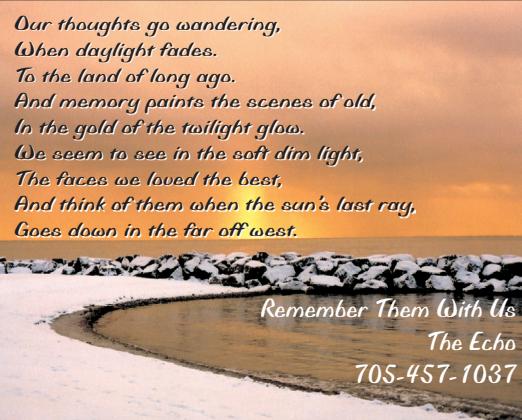
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There was jubilation in Minden and Haliburton Sunday evening as the victorious Midgets took a ride on a fire truck to celebrate their win over Glen-coe. The Midgets wrapped up the series in six games. For details, see page 6...

Midgets win all-Ontario title

IGA store best alternative for classes

by LEN PIZZEY

Editor

Faced with a pressing need for more classroom space in Minden and no immediate prospects of education ministry capital funding, the Haliburton County Board of

Education appears ready to lease space at the former Dollo's IGA building for Kindergarten and Grade 1 classes.

While the decision has not formally been made, the board believes the Dollo space is its best option at present, and to explain why, a public

meeting was held at Archie Stouffer elementary school last Wednesday night. More than 100 parents were on hand to listen to brief presentations by director of education Start Baker, principal McKay Brydon, business administrator Jim Bradley, and trustees Wendy

Laduarntay and Cheryl Murdoch, and to ask questions about the proposed relocation of primary classes.

Rising enrolment, combined with added space demands for special education programmes and other services in the school, have left Ar-

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Citizens organize to fight flood plain mapping of Gull

by MARTHA PERKINS

Staff Reporter

The government agencies involved in the flood plain mapping may be good at giving "half-truths", but the Residents Against Flood Tactics, RAFT, will provide a united effort to fight them.

"Stand up and be accounted for," was the sentiment expressed at

Saturday morning's inaugural meeting of RAFT attended by approximately 70 residents. And when a Lutterworth land owner asked

whether Minden would stand behind the southern township now that the Ministry of Natural Resources has favourably changed the zoning designation for Minden, the response indicated that the whole issue will not be dropped until he

"band aid" solutions are replaced by measures which really attack the

problem.

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Wawa teacher accepts post as new principal at HHSS

A new principal has been chosen for Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Peter Forgrave of Wawa, Ontario, has accepted the position, replacing Andy Hemphill, whose resignation takes effect at the end of June.

Forgrave was one of four candidates interviewed by the board in their search for Hemphill's replacement.

Forgrave presently is vice principal of Michipicoten High School in Wawa. Prior to moving to Wawa he taught at Centennial Secondary School in Brampton.

Forgrave earned his B.A. in English and Psychology at the University of Waterloo, a Bachelor of Physical Education at McMaster, and a Master of Education at Brock. He has participated in curriculum writing at the Ministry level and worked locally on developing cooperative education.

Peter Forgrave is married and the father of three children, ages 13, 11 and 7. He is interested in outdoor sports and community activities.

His hiring was announced to staff at HHSS on Tuesday, and will be ratified by the board at a meeting next Tuesday.

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Parents will press for primary school

by LEN PIZZEY

Editor

Haliburton's Home and School Association has urged the Board of Education to keep any new primary school facilities totally separate from J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School. In a written presentation to the board's Haliburton school accommodation committee, the association said: "There is an overwhelming consensus that a separate physical structure along with separate administration, identity, and philosophy be maintained in any proposed facility for primary education."

At present, Kindergarten through Grade 2 is accommodated at Victoria Street School, but growing enrollment, as well as the physical inadequacies of the Victoria Street school, prompted the board to consider how best to meet the demand for more primary classroom space in the community.

The option the majority of trustees appear to favour is to abandon Victoria Street School and build new space at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School. If that course is followed, Victoria Street school could remain board property and be leased for other uses, or it could be demolished and the property sold.

From the outset of discussions, many people with an interest in Victoria Street School have opposed the prospect that the school might be abandoned. In its report to the board, the Home and School Association took a balanced approach, stressing that many parents believe Victoria Street School should be retained, but acknowledging the more likely prospect of new facilities being built at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary, if the necessary capital is provided by the province.

To gauge public opinion, the Association circulated questionnaires to the community. More than 194

were returned.

"Over 84 percent of those responding wished a totally separate facility from the J. D. Hodgson School" the Association said in its report to the board. "Over 68 percent of the responses indicated they would prefer Victoria Street as the location for any primary facility. Over 87 percent of the responses were from current or potential users of the school system."

A number of concerns were voiced through the questionnaires and at two public meetings of the Association about the needs of the present and future education system.

In favour of the J. D. Hodgson site for new classroom space, the Association notes in its report, are that it would provide more space and green areas, and that it is away from traffic. However, the negative side of the argument is much more lengthy, in the view of parents. Limitations include:

- Lack of ventilation and poor air quality;
- Lack of natural lighting;
- Lack of separate primary playground and washrooms, including the present Grade 3 students;
- The extremes in temperature within the building;
- The existence of portables was condemned.

The Association also noted that "several teachers and parents referred to education studies that have shown smaller schools have proven cost efficient and have provided a higher quality of education and community involvement than the larger, factory style approach to schools can provide."

In considering the Victoria Street School site, the Association identified a number of positive attributes. They are:

- Easy access to multiple facilities in town (the arena, library, park, firehall, Extendicare). These areas are within easy walking distance for small children, so that outings can be more spontaneous and bussing is not required;
- There is a secure, well-supervised playground that provides an ideal setting for primary children;

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The crowd gathered in the Minden Council chamber on Saturday morning was eager to sign the three petitions presented by Gord Monk, right, who chaired the meeting. The Gull River citizens have banded together as Residents Against Flood Tactics, RAFT, and plan to deluge the government with letters.



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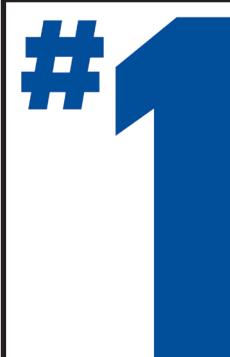
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